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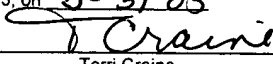
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MARK SMOLENSKI ET AL )  
Ser. No.: 10/646,323 )  
Filed: 8/22/03 )

) CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR TELE-  
SCOPINGLY ENGAGED ELEMENTS  
AND METHOD OF MAINTAINING...  
Group Art Unit: 3677  
Examiner: R. Rodriguez

AMENDMENT "A"

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